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LETTER DATED 20 JUNE 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

The intensified strangulation of Sarajevo is taking a heavy toll upon the civilian population of Sarajevo. The Pale Serbs continue to block humanitarian aid and deny water and electricity as war tactics towards the realization of their genocidal objectives.

It must be recalled that the Sarajevo airport has not received an aid flight since 9 April, while the city has received no water, electricity or fuel since 26 May. The denial of drinking water has been particularly devastating, causing an increasing number of Sarajevo's civilians to fall ill from contaminated water, and the subsequent maladies are approaching epidemic level.

Dwindling stocks of food and medicines are adding to the vulnerability of the civilians to sickness and disease. In recent days, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has been able to provide no more than 239 grammes of food per person in Sarajevo, of which only 9 grammes are not bread and flour.

In sum, the humanitarian situation in Sarajevo has reached the critical stage, warranting that the relevant international actors urgently take those steps which will reverse the deteriorating course and quell the consequences of Pale's war tactics taken against this besieged population.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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